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CASA GRANDE CARES

"There is something magical that happens when people put aside their own cares and begin to help others with theirs."

The time is drawing near when residents of Casa Grande can show their own caring spirits by helping their own neighbors. Casa Grande Cares Month takes place the month of October. The city decided last year to incorporate Casa Grande Cares month into its schedule of citywide events after the success of Make-a-Difference Day in 2007. A new feature has been added to this year's sign up and that is a request for help form. They are available online at the City's website and on the current brochure.

Last year there were many people who touched many lives. Projects included the annual Smoke Detector Installation coordinated by the city's Fire Department which will be held on Saturday, October 9, 2010 this year (volunteers are still needed to help); Silent Witness/Crime Night, Friday, October 1, this year hosted and coordinated by the Casa Grande Police Department; yard clean ups, tree plantings, shoe collection, Neighborhood Watch formations, food collection for the local food bank, and the list goes on. All the projects were a success!

One of the most successful projects, only because it continues to grow today, was the reinstatement of a neighborhood garden at French St. & McMurray Blvd. The vacant lot had been used as a garden for many years, but due to circumstances, has laid barren for the past few years. During the call for projects last year, Mr. Mark Vanderheyden, executive director of the local Seeds of Hope asked for help to get the garden growing again. Answering the request was Frito Lay and its team of volunteers known as the "Adelantos Club" measuring out the separate garden plots and providing help and funds to get water to the plants. From that day forward, the project has taken off.

Since last October, people from all different groups have helped with making the garden more "grower friendly" and are growing vegetables to share: Kathy Gribkoff, Seeds of Hope Hot Lunch Coordinator, grows vegetables to use in her lunches; Esther Turner, a Salvation Army grower; The "Rattler" 4-H group; Chacon Landscaping has donated drip-irrigation supplies and Brutinel Plumbing has donated a backflow system.

Vanderheyden says all age groups are involved and next year's season he would like to get the neighboring Head Start children excited about growing their own plants. He looks forward to this fall's planting and encourages anyone who would like to take part to come out and help. This year's wish list includes planting and/or seed donations. "I'd like to make this an area where a person can come in and relax, and just enjoy being here," commented Vanderheyden, "Without the help and organization of Casa Grande Cares, I don't think we would be this far along."

Why not get your family, friends, and groups together and help out this October? Now is the time to begin planning how you will help, all ideas are welcome. Organizations that would like to receive help are also encouraged to make a request. Please contact Casa Grande Cares Coordinator, Caren Rausis, at 520-421-8600, via email at crausis@casagrandeaz.gov, or visit the city website, www.CasaGrandeAz.gov.



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CITY OF CASA GRANDE ALARM AWARENESS CLASS



The City of Casa Grande Police Department is working with the community to reduce the number of false burglary alarms that are handled by our officers every year. With the enormous amount of growth Casa Grande is experiencing, the number of false alarms continues to increase. Unfortunately, this decreases the availability of officers' time to do preventative patrol and follow up on other cases.

If you are operating an alarm system in the City of Casa Grande, it is important that you understand how to avoid false alarms. This class will show you what to do if your alarm goes off and will show you how to obtain an alarm permit, which is required to operate your alarm system in the city.

The Classes are free! However there is limited space available. For registration and information please contact: City of Casa Grande Police Department—Alarm Coordinator Sheila Chavez at (520) 421-8711 ext. 6570 or visit; schavez@casagrandeaz.gov to confirm your reservation.

Those who attend will receive a \$50 waiver certificate good for one year toward outstanding cost recovery fees. One per year allowed. This offer is non-transferrable.

You must have a valid permit at the time of registration. Only one waiver certificate per address.

Class Dates:

Tuesday, October 19, 2010 Time: 5:30-7:00 P.M.

Location:

City Parks & Recreation—Armadillo Room 404 E. Florence Boulevard Casa Grande, AZ 85122

WEBSITE UPDATE

The City of Casa Grande website continues to attract more visitors every month. The city website averages 68,000 visitors per month and those visitors view more than 2.5 million pages per month. Information, events, and news are published as they happen so you never know what you may find.

The city is planning to release new applications for the city website in the coming months including:

- Online vendor registration
- A more robust interactive map system
- A streamlined and interactive job application system with the opportunity to check on status and save information for applying to multiple jobs
- A customer service ticket system to keep track of city requests and the ability to follow up and rate the service



Be sure to visit the city website often to follow all City Council meetings, boards and commissions or just to see what is going on in Casa Grande www.CasaGrandeAz.gov

The city welcomes all comments and ideas on the city website. Send your comments or suggestions to webmaster@casagrandeaz.gov

MONTHLY PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The Pancake Breakfast is held from 7 AM until 10 AM on the last Saturday of each month. The general public is welcome and encouraged to attend the monthly Pancake Breakfast and interact with pilots and other aviation enthusiasts. The monthly Pancake Breakfast is a great way to enjoy the mini fly-in each month.

See you at the airport!

SANTA CALLS & LETTER PROGRAM

Casa Grande Parks & Recreation will once again sponsor the Santa Calls and Letter from Santa programs. Casa Grande children, ages 4 - 8, can receive a telephone call from Santa Claus or Mrs. Claus, or a letter from Santa. Local senior citizen volunteers will make calls from the North Pole on Saturday, December 11, between the hours of 9:00 and 10:00 a.m. Santa or Mrs. Claus will talk to your child and ask a few questions based on information you provide. Letters from Santa will be mailed by Monday, December 13. To include your child, pick up a flyer at the Parks & Recreation Office, City Hall or the Casa Grande Public Library. Fill it out and return the information to the Parks & Recreation Department no later than Friday, December 3. Flyers will be available after November 1. Please call Shayla at 421-8677 ext. 4550 for more information.

SHOWCASE FLY-BY

JOIN US! ...in the COPPERSTATE aircraft "Showcase" fly-by pattern.

Fly-in visitors are encouraged to show their aircraft to the COPPERSTATE audience the way they're meant to be seen-- in flight! They do so by participating in the COPPERSTATE Showcase fly-by pattern. Aircraft in the Showcase fly a racetrack traffic pattern designed to give the crowd a good view of the aircraft, while at the same time not impeding other aircraft operations on the airport. Pilots can have the Showcase pattern all to themselves, or (upon request) share it with up to three other aircraft of similar performance characteristics. Fly-by periods last up to fifteen minutes, and information about the plane (and its pilot!) are announced from the announcer's platform during their flight.

Plan now to attend the Southwest's premier aviation event—The COPPERSTATE Fly-In—October 21-23, 2010. Check out and enjoy the many web-site features on COPPERSTATE'S Web page. You will be glad you did. Everything from directions to the Fly-In, Planned Activities, Admissions Information, Vehicle Parking and much more can be viewed on the COPPERSTATE Web Page. For more information go to www.copperstate.org.



OCTOBER 21-23, 2010
CASA GRANDE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT (CGZ)
CASA GRANDE, ARIZONA
www.copperstate.org

LUMINARIES

Once again, the Recreation Department will help light up the community this holiday season by making luminary kits available. The kits include one dozen votive candles and one dozen white paper sacks. This popular southwest tradition creates a warm and lovely effect along sidewalks and pathways. The kits can be purchased at the Parks & Recreation Office, (404 E. Florence Blvd.) beginning Monday, November 29, during normal business hours, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. The fee is \$3 per kit. Get your kits early, first come, first serve.



SENIOR EXPO & CRAFT SHOW
 Saturday, Nov. 6
 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
 Parks & Recreation Office
 404. E Florence Blvd.
 Sponsored by:  **Free Event**
 Various agencies will be on hand to discuss important services and benefits.
 Craft vendors will be available for some great shopping.
 Attention Crafters!
 Would you like to show off your wares?
 Booth spaces are available on a first come, first served basis.
 For more information:
 Contact Wendy Edwards at 421-8711, ext. 6140



TRUNK 'R' TREAT
 Tuesday, Oct. 26
 10-11 a.m.
 Calling all...
 Ghouls
 Goblins
 Ghosts...
 Join us at the inaugural Trunk 'R' Treat event hosted by the Dorothy Powell Senior Center.
 Cars will be lining up in the Senior Center parking lot with trunks full of goodies!
 Children are invited to go from trunk to trunk to collect their treats!
 Calling all seniors....Trunk Hosts Wanted!
 For details or more information:
 Contact Erica Perez at 421-8760.
Free Event
 @ Dorothy Powell Senior Adult Center



Party in the Park Concert Series
Peart Park
 Free Concert begins at 6PM
Now Playing
Friday, Oct. 15
Jadi Norris
Country
 For more information:
 Contact Erica Perez
 421-8760, ext. 4420
 Sponsored by 

SMOKE DETECTOR INSTALL

Great Volunteer Opportunity!

October 9, 2010

Volunteers needed for various assignments:

- registration table
- installation
- assisting installation groups
- drivers to carry equipment
- serve lunch and refreshments
- preparing installation materials

Holiday Schedule 2010

All City of Casa Grande Offices and
Services will be Closed
(with the exception of emergency services)

Thanksgiving Day

Thursday & Friday,

November 25th - 26th 2010

Christmas Day

Friday, December 24th 2010.

 **City of Casa Grande Community Services Department & SRP
Present**

 **37th ANNUAL
HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL** 

 **FREE Carnival Games!!!**

**Saturday October 30, 2010
Carr McNatt Park
6:00 - 9:00 pm** 

FREE Candy!!!


6:00 pm - Carnival Begins:
Carnival Games
FREE Candy
Halloween Crafts
Music

7:30 pm - Contests Begin:
20 Costume Contest Categories
4 Pumpkin Carving Contest
Best Decorated Booth
Best Costumed Both Operator
Most Creative Booth

Questions? Contact Chad Price @ the Parks & Recreation Office (520) 421-8677





**Ring in the
Holiday Season**
in Casa Grande
Saturday, December 4, 2010

Winter Wonderland
Bring your boots and mittens and play in the snow!
2:00pm to 5:00pm
Historic Downtown Casa Grande

Tree Lighting Ceremony
Mayor Jackson will throw the switch as over
21,000 lights illuminate a 30 foot Christmas Tree.
Join the countdown!
5:00pm
On the Lawn in front of City Hall

**15th Annual
Electric Light Parade**
6:00pm
Florence Blvd. to Historic Downtown





For more information please
visit www.casagrandeaz.gov
or call (520) 421-8677

